

REPORTS VILLA DEAD
BY ASSASSIN'S HAND
IN MEXICAN CAMP

His Secretary, Fierro, Who
Was Charged With Kill-
ing Benton, Named as
Murderer.

Carranza Holds on at National
Palace Despite Message De-
manding His Surrender to
Calderon.

EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 28.—Reports
reaching here today from Mexico per-
sist in saying that General Francisco Villa
has been assassinated by his secretary,
Fierro.

Little credence is placed in the rumors
because the message from Chihuahua
last night quoted Villa on the present
Mexican situation.

Fierro was court-martialed and then
released on the charge of having killed
Benton, the ranchman in Juarez, sev-
eral months ago.

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 28.—Despite the
demands of General Villa and Villa's
generals, that Provisional President
Venustiano Carranza resign, the indica-
tions today were that General Carranza
would remain in the National Palace at
least until the convention of Constitu-
tionalists or their delegates is
held here next month.

General Carranza believes that no
other plan of action on his part would
be consistent with the "Guadalupe agree-
ment," of which Villa is one of the
signers.

General Carranza and his advisers sat
late in the executive quarters of the Na-
tional Palace last night working upon
a plan of campaign and drafting a reply
to the following telegram which Carranza
has just made public:

"To Don Venustiano Carranza, first chief
of the Constitutional Army and in
charge of the executive power, Mexico
City:

"We desire to make every effort to pre-
vent the enemies of the cause of liberty,
who stoop to any medium that stains the
Republic, from profiting by such circum-
stances as seem imminent. We also de-
sire to make every sacrifice before putting
our fatherland in danger of foreign inter-
vention.

"Only the failure of all those noble
hopes and all these generous efforts will
lead us into a fratricidal struggle into
which we would be compelled to enter as
our duty.

(Note: Part of the message is here
stricken out by the Mexican censor.)

General Villa has telegraphed to all
our dear brothers to cease the hostile
attitude of the division of the north as
soon as you, in an outburst of patriotism
and self-assertion, turn over the su-
preme command to the incorruptible
liberal, Fernando Iglesias Calderon, who
by his talents, energy and clean ante-
cedents, will be a guarantee for the
supremacy of the Republic in the path
of honor and glory and will never prove
a traitor to the ideals of real democracy.

"General Villa has declared categori-
cally that the whole of this division (the
army of the north) will uphold firmly
Senator Iglesias, and in a burst of high
patriotism General Villa has already an-
nounced to the world that none of his
generals aspires to the presidency of the
Republic, nor the vice presidency. This
is so intransigent or permanent sense."

The telegram was signed by 16 generals
on the staff of General Villa, including
General Felipe Angeles, Eugenio Bena-
vides, Raoul Madero and Calixto Contreras.

The publication of this telegram here
created a sensation.

General Alvaro Obregon and the other
followers of Carranza, who were sent to
fight at once with Villa's representatives,
but this conference is separate and dis-
tinct from the big convention called for
next month. It will probably be held
on October 6.

Military preparations are still going
forward, and General Calixto now has
a strong army in the field to oppose Gen-
eral Villa's division of the North.

"SUNK TWO BRITISH SHIPS."
IS PIGEON'S MESSAGE

Announcement of German Victory
Off Florida Found in Cylinder.

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Sept. 28.—
"September 24, 1914, off Florida Coast—
Just sunk two British ships.

(Signed) "GERMAN B. S. L. 12-12"

It is supposed that the code "B. S. L." refers to the German cruiser Breslau, which has been operating in waters off the Florida coast.

This typewritten message in a small cylinder was taken from a carrier pigeon which fluttered in from the Atlantic Ocean this morning.

Another carrier pigeon came in late yesterday, dropping from exhaustion, bearing a tiny cylinder tied to its leg. The cylinder was inscribed "Germany 12-12."

FAIR
WEATHER FORECAST
For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair
tonight and probably Wednesday, with
rising temperature; moderate variable
winds.
For details, see last page.

KEEN, FROSTY AIR MAKES
WHOLE CITY SHIVER TODAY

Small Boys Are Happy, Though, for
Chestnut Time Is Here.

The P. R. T. is having up its psychological heat,
the frosty days arrive and frozen are
the feet.

The frost is in the subway, in the surface
and in the air.

But when they start the fable of the heating
none can tell.

The dew that has been drenching the
pumpkin and the fender in the shock
appeared on the golden globe that made
New England famous today in form not
unlike the unheavenly growth upon the
cheeks of youth. 'Twas the frost.

Shivering is the favorite outdoor pas-
time today for those who have not yet
found their overcoats. A foggy some-
thing seemed to have crept into the at-
mosphere this morning, chilling the
bones those who were lightly clad.

Small boys were tickled to death when
they sniffed the frost. Frost means the
opening of the chestnut burs. A burr
opened by frost means that the chestnut
is ripe. Also it means less trouble in
getting at the nut through its porcupine
covering. Frost is, furthermore, the her-
ald of winter days, snow and coasting.

Ice and skating for the small boys.
A second attack was made today upon
obedience furnaces. Pipes taken down
to be cleaned a few days ago and left
standing for another day were hurriedly
shot back into place and houses this
morning were filled with smoke, ill humor
and metaphorical sulphur when the refrac-
tory flues worked backward.

Coal dealers are chuckling and are now
beginning to reap their annual harvest.
The P. R. T. has not yet announced
that its cars are heated. That comes
later.

So far as can be learned there
will be no change this year in the clever
plan of defeating good intentions of the
heaters on the subway-elevated trains.
Contrary to precedent, these heaters
work.

PREDICT EARLY SETTLEMENT

Constitutionalists at Washington
Think Carranza Will Yield to Villa.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Members of
the Constitutional party here have in-
formation, it was stated today, upon
which they have belief, amounting to
conviction, that the Villa-Carranza split
will be healed within 48 hours. Retire-
ment of Carranza as first chief and also
as a potential candidate for President—
a complete capitulation to Villa's de-
mands—will be the solution, it is under-
stood.

"There will be no war," said one mem-
ber of the Constitutional circles today.

Postponement of the coronation confer-
ence for October 1, until Villa and Car-
ranza's "peace commissioners" settle the
personal differences of their leaders, was
rumored here today. All information
pointed to selection of Fernando Iglesias
Calderon, a Villalita, as Carranza's prob-
able successor.

Zapata's protest to General Funston
against surrendering Vera Cruz to a
Carranza representative complicated peace
plans. Officials also viewed with ap-
prehension the warlike attitude to Zapata
and other revolts of petty chieftains
against Carranza and Villa. Pos-
sibility of brigandage and the sporadic
revolutionary movements were the unfavor-
able surface indications.

PROGRESSIVE REPUBLICANS
OUT FOR DR. BRUMBAUGH

Former Washington Party Workers
Not for a "Radical Democrat."

The Progressive Republican League of
the 22d Ward, which was organized re-
cently by men who forsook the Washing-
ton party to support the candidacy of Dr.
Martin G. Brumbaugh, this morning sent
to Washington party voters in the ward
letters urging them to rally to the sup-
port of Doctor Brumbaugh. Lorenzo
Smith, secretary of the league, the State
representative from the 22d Dis-
trict, elected in 1912 on the Washington
party ticket.

The letter stated that the league is
composed of men who formerly were
Washington party workers, but who
cannot support a "radical Democrat" for
governor. For this reason they have re-
fused to stand behind the action of the
State Committee of the Washington
Party in endorsing Vance C. McCormick
and declare they will work for the elec-
tion of Doctor Brumbaugh.

SERB-MONTENEGRIAN FORCES
BEGIN TO SHELL SARAJEVO

Austrians Also Losing Final Foot-
hold on Serbian Soil.

A dispatch from Cetina says that
Serbian and Montenegrin forces before
Sarajevo, capital of Bosnia, have begun
the bombardment of the city.

NISH, Serbia, Sept. 28.—
The Serbian War Office issues the fol-
lowing statement:

"The past few days will see all the
Austrians expelled from Serbia. Their
sole remaining foothold is in the moun-
tains southwest of Krupani, where our
forces are winning in fighting in the
mountain passes."

PRINCE ADALBERT KILLED
BY GERMAN SHOT, IS REPORT

Belgian Doctor Says Kaiser's Third
Son Died in Ghent Hospital.

A Belgian doctor, just out of Brussels,
says that Prince Adalbert, the Kaiser's
third son, died in a hospital here and
that Dr. Lepage, King Albert's physician,
was ordered to hold an autopsy in the
presence of two Belgian doctors. It was
found, he says, that the Prince had been
killed by a German bullet and that
other examinations officers were found
to have died, too, from wounds made
by German bullets.

The man who told this was firmly con-
vinced of the truth of his statement, but
it should be accepted with reserve.

HOPE OF PEACE IN COLORADO

Settlement of Great Coal Strike Be-
lieved to Be in Sight.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Settlement of
the great coal strike in Colorado is in
sight, it is believed. H. Davies, a repre-
sentative of the coal mine owners, called
at the White House today and had a
long talk with President Wilson and
exact tone of which neither the White
House nor Mr. Davies would divulge.
It was understood, however, that new
overtures were made to the President
of such a nature that the President
was inclined to yield his three years'
truce plan to accept the proposal.

It was said that Mr. Davies insisted as
a first move in the proposed program
that the Federal cavalry be withdrawn
from the district. This, it was reported,
the President refused to do, fearing that
a removal of the civil war would be the
result.

1,000,000 RUSSIANS
MOVE IN AVALANCHE
UPON GERMAN SOIL

Breslau, 190 Miles From
Berlin, Is New Objective,
While Cracow Is Left to
Strong Investing Force.

Fierce Battle Wages at Tarnow
in North—Przemysl Bombard-
ment Heavy—Galician Rail-
ways and Carpathian Passes
Held.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 28.—
Breslau, in Silesia, 190 miles from Ber-
lin, is now believed to be the main Rus-
sian objective. Cracow, which the Rus-
sians' northern column is nearing, will
be invested by a large army, following
the precedent set at Przemysl. A million
men are reported engaged in this move-
ment.

The northern column has assaulted
Tarnow and a pitched battle is now in
progress there. The Austrians are put-
ting up a strong resistance but they are
greatly outnumbered. With Tarnow in
possession of the Russians the last ob-
stacle in the way of the siege of Cracow
will have been removed. Dumblicko, a
railroad station on the way to Tarnow,
has already been captured.

It is now apparent that the movement
through Galicia is the main offensive
of the Russian army. It developed to-
day that Grand Duke Nicholas, the com-
mander-in-chief, is with the forces there,
which number more than 1,000,000 men.

The armies, proceeding along the
parallel lines of railway, are moving
rapidly westward. With all the Galician
Carpathian passes occupied by Russian
troops and with strong forces on the
Hungarian plains just south of these
points all danger of a possible flanking
movement has been avoided. Conse-
quently there is now nothing to retard
the movement.

The pursuit by the Russians of the
Austrian army in Galicia is compared by
the military experts here with General
Kutuzov's pursuit of Napoleon's army
from Moscow in 1812, and General Grant's
harrying chase of Lee's army in the
civil war in 1865.

The victorious Russian forces have al-
ready traversed more than half of the
route from Przemysl to Cracow and the
last is now only four days' march dis-
tant.

The northern Russian column is mov-
ing much more rapidly than the south-
ern one. This is believed here to indi-
cate that the Russian army is moving
when it comes, to be toward the south
and the army moving in that direction
will be able to cut off their retreat.

AUSTRIANS FALL BACK TO CRACOW.
The Austrians have fallen back until
they are close to Cracow, where they
come under command of the German
generals. They have not only abandoned
all defense of their own country, but have
left Hungary to the protection of its own
national troops.

The Austrians have also apparently re-
linquished all idea of independent action
and have decided to tack themselves on
to the right wing of the Germans and to
play a modest role as a component part
of the German army now operating on
Germany's eastern frontier.

The brief Russian War Office statement
claims continuous success in the west-
ward advance and adds:

"Sorties by the Austrian garrison at
Przemysl continue, but they have been
repulsed. Many prisoners, a number of
cannon and some ammunition have fallen
into our hands."

"As the Austrians retreat confusion is
noticeable in their ranks.

"The Austrians are now suffering from
shortage of food. In Przemysl military
rations have been reduced by 25 per cent."

LONDON, Sept. 28.—
The Russian Embassy gave out the
following statement today:

"Russian troops in great numbers have
been able to penetrate Hungary at sev-
eral points as far as an Ungvar."

If the foregoing announcement is true
it means that the Russian army invading
Hungary is only 150 miles from Budapest.
The Hungarian capital, Ungvar, is only
150 miles northeast of Budapest. Further-
more, this information, if authentic, re-
veals one of the greatest feats of arms
the Russian have been able to accom-
plish since the war broke out. They
must have crossed the Carpathian moun-
tains, a natural barrier facing their ad-
vance, and the fact that they have pushed
so far in such short time indicates that
they either met with very little resist-
ance in the Carpathian mountain passes
or else were able to achieve a notable
victory in overcoming opposition so easily.

CONVENT BADLY DAMAGED
BY BOMB FROM ZEPPELIN

More Raids Over Belgium—German
Aviator Killed Near Paris.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 28.—
Further Zeppelin forays are reported.
Another one occurred yesterday over
Belgium, a city of 6000, ten miles south-
west of Ghent, where four bombs were
dropped. At Thiel, a city of 12,000 peo-
ple, in West Flanders, four or five miles
west of Brussels, two bombs were dropped.
The convent of St. Vincent and St. Paul
at Denys was badly damaged.

BORDEAUX, Sept. 28.—
The German zeppelin which flew over
Paris on Sunday and dropped bombs,
killing several persons, was fired upon
and brought to earth near Montargis,
a few miles southwest of Paris, accord-
ing to a telegram received here today.
The aviator was killed.

According to this message, the German
aviator had just dropped a bomb upon
a train of French soldiers when a
shell hit the zeppelin.

FRENCH TAKE GERMAN CONGO

Occupy Greater Part of Foe's Terri-
tory in Africa.

PARIS, Sept. 28.—
French forces have occupied the greater
part of the Congo territory, seized by Ger-
many by the treaty of 1911, it was official-
ly announced today.

TSING-TAO FORTS TARGET
OF JAPANESE BOMBARDMENT

Fleet Begins Shelling Leasehold
Town; Land Assault Continues.

TOKIO, Sept. 28.—
The Japanese fleet has begun the bom-
bardment of the German fortresses at
Tsing-Tao.

Official announcement to this effect was
made today.

The land forces of the Japanese and
their allies have driven back the outer
defenses of the Germans in Kiao-Chau,
capturing four quick-fire guns and 50
prisoners.

The Japanese casualties were 150. Ger-
man casualties unknown.

ENGLISH INVASION
OBJECT OF KAISER'S
BELGIAN ACTIVITY

Capture of Mechlin and
Siege of Antwerp Forerun-
ners of Carrying War
Across the Channel.

ANTWERP, Sept. 28.—
Persistent German operations in Bel-
gium are interpreted as a plan of the
Kaiser to cross over to England. The
capture of Mechlin and the present siege
of Antwerp, as well as the advance of
German forces northward from several
directions are taken as forerunners of the
seizure of Ostend as a base for the in-
vasion of Great Britain.

The Belgians have moved against the
invading forces and a big battle is re-
portedly waging now, not far from Ant-
werp.

NEW FORCE OF GERMANS.
A force of German naval reserves, de-
clared to number 25,000, taken into Bel-
gium from Kiel and Hamburg, is re-
ported to be intended by the Germans
for a siege of Antwerp. Private advices
from Germany recently have intimated
that the Kaiser is determined to capture
Antwerp.

It is believed by some, however, that
the naval reservists have been brought
into Belgium to garrison the towns occu-
pied by the Germans, and release the
German forces for active fighting
against the Allies.

The capture of Mechlin, according to
an official announcement given out today
by the War Office.

The Germans have been carrying on a
hard bombardment of the forts at Wavre,
St. Catherine and Waeltham, about ten
miles from the temporary Belgian cap-
ital, but the fire of the forts has not
ceased.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.
The official statement of the War Of-
fice follows:

After bombarding Mechlin, the Ger-
mans under cover of night entered the
unoccupied town, but have not
resumed their march from that place.

The Germans have directed fire of
all their heavy artillery against the
forts of Wavre, St. Catherine and
Waeltham, about ten miles from Ant-
werp, but with a result not justify-
ing their great expenditure of ammu-
nition. Our forts replied and the
bombardment ceased.

Between the Dendre and the Wil-
broeck canals, west of Waeltham, the
offensive movement of the Ger-
mans has been promptly checked.

The forts inflicted serious losses on
the enemy and compelled his retreat.
The city of Alost has suffered con-
siderably from artillery fire. On account
of the German position the Belgian
artillery was compelled to take up a
position that allowed shells to drop on
the city. In consequence fire started and
a number of buildings were destroyed.

DAMAGE AT ALOST.
Most of the damage at Alost, however,
was done by the German artillery which
occupied a range of hills south of the
town. A correspondent just arriving
from that district says:

"Fire did much damage in the new
quarter of the city. A church, the col-
legiate building, the railroad station and a
hospital were all struck by shells. In
the engagement and set on fire. When
I left the bombardment was going on
furiously and smoke was rolling upward
from the burning city."

The Belgians claim to have silenced
the German guns and compelled the Ger-
mans to retreat.

An important Belgian city,
having nearly 25,000 residents and lying
about 15 miles northwest of Brussels,
is on the Dendre River and has a big
trade in hops. The old quarter of the
town is more than 300 years old.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 28.—
Because a remainder of the war levy
placed upon Brussels by the Germans
is unpaid, the Germans have announced
that they will requisition the city for
100,000, but will requisition what they need,
according to dispatches from Brussels.

ZEPPELINS FALL VICTIMS
OF ALLIES' DEADLY FIRE

Artillery Brings Down Number of
German Air Fighters.

LONDON, Sept. 28.—A Reuter dispatch
from Paris says that the French and
English artillery has been particularly
successful in the last few days in bring-
ing down German aeroplanes.

"A single eye witness informs the cor-
respondent that he saw two German
aeroplanes shattered in one day," says
the telegram. "One of them was struck
by a shrapnel and was crushed like an
egg shell. The aviators were killed."

Another dispatch from Bordeaux to the
Embassy dealing with the moratorium
as applied to banks reads as follows:

"The French Government, published to-
day in the official Journal a new de-
cree deciding the prorogation of payments and
the withdrawal of money deposited in
the banks of the country during the war."
The decree cannot be claimed by any corpo-
ration which would have paid dividends on
the stock or on founders' shares. This
disposition has been taken for the reason
that the creditors of banking establish-
ments, and in particular those who have
checked accounts, are in a situation that
they must have preference over stock-
holders."

LIQUOR REVENUE OPPOSED
WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—A telegram
signed by Mrs. W. A. Lawson, of Mil-
waukee, representing 5000 members of the
W. C. T. U., protesting against the rais-
ing of any revenue from the liquor tax
from the further taxation of liquor was
held before the Senate today by Vice
President Marshall.

BRITISH WARSHIPS,
LURKING OFF CAPES,
COVEY CONTRABAND

Great Britain Aims to Break
Up Practice of Supplying
German Cruisers From
This Port.

While agents of the Federal Govern-
ment are starting an investigation to dis-
cover the original shippers of the con-
traband, destined for German warships,
in the Norwegian steamships Fram and
Sommerstad, the vessels are discharging
their cargoes at the new Municipal Pier
at the foot of Dock street, and two British
cruisers, charged of their prey, are
lying idly off the Delaware Capes.

It was not known until today that
Great Britain had ordered two warships
to patrol the entrance of the Delaware
Bay to break up the practice of supply-
ing the German cruisers with food and
Dresden from this port. Several weeks
ago the cruiser Essex was seen there.
She was relieved by the converted
auxiliary cruiser Caronia and today an-
other vessel, believed to be the Britannia,
made her appearance. The cruiser seen
by several incoming vessels has four
funnels and is constructed along the
same lines as the Caronia, Aboukir and
Hogue, sunk a few days ago by German
submarines. The watchful waiting
policy of the Caronia and her reinforce-
ment, the shipping men stated today, did
more to mislead the British than the
Sommerstad, and Captain Grindheim, of
the Fram, to change their minds about
delivering their cargoes had did orders
from the owners of their vessels. Each
master was in a fair way to win a small
fortune for his work, but the fear of be-
ing captured and imprisoned until the end
of the war made them decide to sur-
render the clearance papers and remain
in port until a neutral cargo could re-
place the contraband stored in the holds.

The Department of Commerce and Jus-
tice, upon the request of the British Gov-
ernment, has taken up the shipment
of contraband from various American
ports. In addition to investigating the
case of the Sommerstad and Fram, they
are looking after the American steamship
Lorenzo and Norwegian steamship Thor,
both of which were captured in the act
of delivering coal to German war ves-
sels. A significant fact in the capture of
the Thor is that she was under charter
to the Inter-American Steamship Com-
pany of New York, the same concern
which has contracted for the Sommer-
stad and Fram. It is also said that this
company employed the four other Nor-
wegian and Norwegian steamships from
the last two months with similar cargoes.
On or about the Helma, was captured off
St. Thomas, D. W. L., by a French
cruiser, William J. Grandfield & Co. of
New York, were the local agents for
the vessels. They refuse to discuss the
case.

Government inspectors are watching the
discharge of the cargoes of the Fram and
the Sommerstad and will see that
it is all placed ashore. It will be stored
until claimed by the consignor or con-
signees.

ANGLO-FRENCH FLEET AGAIN
TRAINS GUNS ON CATTARO

Two Forts Destroyed in Renewal of
Bombardment.

BRINDISI, Italy, Sept. 28.—
The Anglo-French fleet in the Adriatic
has resumed its bombardment of the Aus-
trian port of Cattaro. Two of the forts
which have been defending the city have
been destroyed.

An Austrian man-of-war is reported to
have been torpedoed by the Anglo-French
fleet.

VIENNA, Sept. 28.—
It is stated here that the French bom-
bardment of Cattaro has been unsuccess-
ful.

One big French cruiser is said to have
been sunk by the Austrian forts at Cat-
taro and two others are reported dam-
aged.

BERLIN, Sept. 28.—
A dispatch to the Cologne Gazette from
Italy, Brindisi, asserts that the Aus-
trian forts at Cattaro on September 19
sank a big French warship.

The forts, it is said, had intercepted
a wireless message concerning the move-
ment of the fleet. Cattaro is a port of 15
warships and three cruisers. The Aus-
trians awaited their arrival fully pre-
pared. A salvo from the first fort sank
the ship and the other vessels in the
fleet retreated hastily.

DISASTER IN ADRIATIC
CANARD, SAYS EMBASSY

No Austrian Projectile Has Yet Hit
French Vessel.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—The French
Government, through its Embassy here,
today denied the report emanating from
German sources that the Austrian forts
at Cattaro had sunk a large French
warship. The dispatch reads:

"The French Minister of Marine has
made known that the report of the sink-
ing of a French warship by Austrian
forts is entirely false, and that there is
nothing to justify such a story. Up to
date no French warship has been
reached by an Austrian projectile."

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ALLIES' LEFT WING
REPELS TERRIFIC
GERMAN ATTACKS

Official Statement Reports Violent Bom-
bardment of Centre, and Says French
Are Making Slight Progress Between
Argonne and the Meuse.

Many Invaders Captured in Recent Fight-
ing—Berlin Announces Advance
Through Verdun-Toul Forts Contin-
ues—Battle Raging in Upper Alsace.

The War Today

Continuous fighting along the whole
120-mile battle line began the 17th
day of the great battle, raging from
the Aisne to the Meuse.

Paris has a report that General von
Kluck has begun to withdraw, but the
War Office is reticent. Slow gains
against the German right are an-
nounced, and it is added that the
Germans' efforts to break through the
line at Rheims have been violent.

Prince Adalbert, the Kaiser's third
son, is said to have been killed by his
own men by mistake.

Two hundred and fifty